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In re Application of:

Chizu SHIMIZU et al.

Serial No.: 08/792,468

Filed: January 31, 1997

For: PURCHASED COMMODITY ACCOMMODATING AND TRANSPORTING APPARATUS
HAVING ELEMENTS FOR PURCHASING A COMMODITY FIXED TO A
TRANSPORTABLE ACCOMMODATION SECTION (As Amended)

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these references is attached.

Petition is hereby made for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, which is being submitted after issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee.

The undersigned hereby certifies

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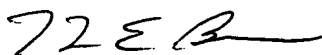
knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no information contained in this statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

A check is attached hereto which covers the \$130.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement. Two copies of this authorization are attached.

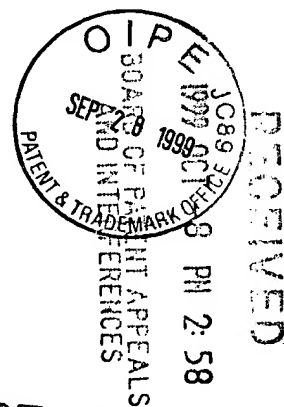
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